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## MURDER CHARGE AGAINST TWO MEN

Coroner's Jury Hears Evidence in Kromer Killing at Monongahela

## MATERIAL WITNESSES HELD

Christina Conway and Harry Barton Must Either Furnish Bail or go to Jail to Await Calling of Case in Court.

William Bush and Charles Martin of Monongahela, will have to answer to the charge of the murder of Peter J. Kromer, constable of Carroll township, at the home of Bush in New Eagle borough on the night of Tuesday, January 19. Christina Conway and Harry Barton, who, it is alleged, were in the house at the time of the murder will be held as material witnesses in the case.

Such was the decision of the jury of six persons who investigated the circumstances of the murder of Constable Kromer, at an inquest held in the Bebout & Yohe undertaking rooms in Monongahela Wednesday.

The inquest was in charge of Coroner James T. Heffran. District Attorney Miller represented the commonwealth in the case, and William Bush was represented by Attorney Harry F. Moore. The jury recommended that Bush and Martin be held to answer to the charge of murder, and that the Conway woman and Harry Barton be held as material witnesses. They may be liberated if they can secure satisfactory bail.

Witnesses who testified as to the time of the shooting differed materially a few testifying that it was at 7:35 o'clock and other that it was at 7:55 o'clock. Two witnesses testified that they saw William Bush, who it is claimed did the shooting, coming to Monongahela at 20 minutes before 8 o'clock the same evening.

The testimony of the Conway woman and Barton was practically the same. It was to the effect that Barton had been at the Bush house from Friday afternoon until Saturday night and returned Sunday and was present when the shooting took place. "Judy" Martin, and the Conway girl, it was testified had a fight. In the evening Bush locked the door of the room which Barton and the girl were occupying. The girl and Barton heard someone coming up the walk, and a moment later the shooting occurred. The girl was at the window and she screamed, both she and Barton testified that someone had been shot.

## DEEDS RECORDED FOR CHARLEROI PROPERTY

Adam Bachman et ux, Pittsburg to Eugene J. Charles, Charleroi, a lot fronting 25 feet on Meadow avenue, Charleroi and extending back 114 feet; consideration \$1.

Eugene J. Charles et ux, Charleroi to Elsie Vanklemputte, Charleroi, a lot fronting 30 feet on Meadow avenue, Charleroi and extending back 115 feet; consideration \$1,000.

Dominico Malizia et ux, to Frank Romit, Charleroi, a lot fronting 57 feet on Luella avenue, Charleroi, and extending back 130.82 feet; consideration \$1,275.

## MUCH EXCITEMENT BUT NO FIRE WEDNESDAY EVENING

Smoke From Furnace Fire Belching From Chimney of Masonic Building Frightens Youth.

The appearance of heavy smoke rolling apparently from the top of the Masonic building on McKean avenue was too much for a McKean avenue young man Wednesday night, and dreaming of a conflagration like that recently at the Hotel Charleroi he excitedly rung alarm No. 16 from Fifth street and McKean.

The fire department hastily got on the scene and found the trouble existed in the basement of the Berryman store. All it was, a worn piece of linoleum had been placed in the furnace by the manager of the store. Heavy smoke was created and the atmosphere was light so that it rolled down to the street from the chimney. There was no fire, but there was lots of excitement.

## CLERK IS ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ARSON

Blaze in Cokeburg Store Discovered Just in Time to Save Establishment From Destruction—Is a Sensational Affair.

Fire was discovered in the clothing and men's furnishing store of Richard Hersch at Cokeburg Wednesday but fortunately the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. The clerk in the store has been arrested, charged with firing the establishment.

The building which is a two-story frame and owned by Joseph Bellasara is occupied by the Hersch clothing store on the first floor while Mr. Bellasara and family occupy the second story as living apartments.

Mr. Bellasara was awakened by the smell of smoke. He hurriedly dressed and on reaching the first floor found the building in flames. He forced the door and was dumbfounded it is said to find the clerk of the store inside with four gas jets turned on and a huge fire built around the door. At the back door a quantity of goods which he wished to save from the fire was stacked up and the clerk whose name could not be learned, it is said, was only waiting until the flames had gotten some headway before he removed the goods from the building.

Mr. Bellasara with the assistance of his son soon extinguished the flames and then getting an officer had the clerk arrested charged with arson. He will later be given a hearing at Bentleyville.

Dancing in Night's Auditorium. Dancing every Saturday evening at Night's Auditorium. Music by Tuccellis orchestra. Thursday dances will be discontinued during Lent. 198-43p

Return engagement, March 1, "Tillies Punctured Romance," Coyle Theatre. 179-tf.

Until recently all miners' safety lamps used in the United States except those burning kerosene were of foreign manufacture, but two American naphtha lamps have been perfected.

## VAUDEVILLE AT THE PALACE THEATRE TONIGHT

## WILL ASK NEW TRIAL FOR CHARLEROI MEN

Attorneys for James Shields and Kenneth Matson Strongly Affirm That They Are Innocent of Highway Robbery Charges Against Them

Probably on Saturday attorneys for James Shields and Kenneth Matson both of Charleroi, who were found guilty Wednesday of highway robbery in the case of Albert Sarafin will petition for a new trial, with a strong hope of being able by that time to present facts to the court that will win their appeal. It is strongly hinted by the attorneys that the two men were not guilty of the crime charged against them, in spite of the conviction, and they hope to show facts that will win a reconsideration of their case.

The jury in the case was out 25

## STARVING MEN BLAMED FOR STEALING HEIFER

After Slaughtering Animal Supposed Thieves Leave Promising to Pay When They Are Able—Ask They Not be Followed

A striking demonstration of the destitution in some of the mining sections of Washington county was given Wednesday at the farm of Frank L. Hastings near Deemson and two miles south of Beallsville. It was discovered that a fat young heifer had been slaughtered in a remote field. The men who had killed the animal and carried away the meat left behind a note addressed to Hastings in which they asked that no effort be made to locate them as they expected later to pay for the beef.

The butchering of the heifer was first discovered when Hastings, in going about his farm came upon the entrails in the remote field where the animal had been. He investigated farther and located the spot where the heifer had been butchered and there found the note. At this place there were the tracks of a two horse wagon on which the meat had evidently been loaded and then taken to the road. The trail was lost at the road, however, it being impossible to determine which direction the beef thieves had taken.

Many farmers have had cattle butchered in the fields and the meat carried away in the past but this is the first time that it has been made evident that the act was committed by starving men who still had hopes of some day settling for the food they secured by stealth. The circumstance has created a decided stilt and added materially to the uneasiness caused by the shutting down of the mines and the consequent lack of work among large communities.

## MRS. LUELLA PORTER DIES AT HOME IN WASHINGTON

Well Known Woman Expires at the Age of 50 Years—Charleroi Woman Is a Sister.

Mrs. Luella Porter aged 50 years, wife of E. S. Porter, died Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Porter home, 251 Broad street, Washington. She was born in Fayette county but had resided in Washington for a number of years. Mrs. Porter was twice married her first husband being named Brewer. Three sons and two daughters survive besides the husband as follows: Albert Brewer, Fritz Henry, Pa.; Claude Brewer, of Washington, and Nelson Brewer, at home; Mrs. J. C. Hoxworth, of Pittsburg and Mrs. Eva McKay of Portland, Ore. She leaves one brother and five sisters, Ford Logan of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Dessie Young, of Belle Vernon; Mrs. Sadie McKenna, Donora; Mrs. Mary Alman, Roscoe; Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell Brownsville, and Mrs. Nora Walker, Charleroi. The funeral arrangements will not be completed until the arrival of the daughter, Mrs. McKay from Washington state.

Miss Mary Chester visited with friends at Monessen Wednesday.

## THIRD DEATH IN FAMILY SINCE OCTOBER OCCURS

Dubinsky Child Follows Mother and Little Brother to the Grave Within A Short Time.

The third death since October in the Dubinsky family at 828 Cress avenue occurred this morning when Anna Dubinsky aged 4 months and 8 days died. On October 30 a five year old boy died. Last Sunday Mrs. Mary Dubinsky, the mother died, and now the baby's death has occurred.

## BELMONT AND FULTON TO BE ATTRACTION AT PALACE

Manager Barnhart has secured a most interesting and entertaining vaudeville program for this week. The headline attraction will be Joe Belmont and Mary Fulton. These are the people who make the singing and whistling duets for Victrola, Columbia and Edison records. They have played in many of the leading theatres of Europe and America. Carl Zeinda will present a novelty act and Al and Grace Harris are singers and dancers of merit. The motion picture attraction for this evening will be a man and Beverly Bayne in the leading roles.

## PREPARING FOR CAREER AS EVANGELISTIC LEADER

H. J. Bray, With Minges Company Selects Music as Specialty—Has Attended Moody Institute.

H. J. Bray, who is known as superintendent of personal work with the Minges Evangelistic company is a young man who is preparing for a career as musical leader in evangelistic work. Mr. Bray's home is in Prescott, Iowa. He has been with the company one year. Previous to that he attended Drake University in Iowa and took a course in vocal music. Also he was for a time a student at the Moody Institute in Chicago, specializing in Bible study and music. Mr. Bray is the bass singer in the male quartet with the company, but he does little solo work.

An oil can spout can be extended to any length and in any shape desired by fastening a piece of wire to it and covering the wire with small rubber tubing.

## EPWORTH LEAGUERS WILL GATHER HERE

Sub-District Quarterly Meeting Called For Charleroi Tomorrow Evening—Addresses to be Made by Well Known Men.

Sub-district No. 6 of the Washington district, Epworth League will hold its quarterly meeting in Charleroi tomorrow evening at the Methodist Episcopal church, and it is expected there will be a large delegation present from many parts of the district.

The chief speakers for the occasion will be S. O. Smith, of Washington, William Hogg of the Central Y. M. C. A. at Pittsburg, who is the president of the Washington district, Rev. W. G. Mead, pastor of the local church and Rev. O. B. Carnahan of Monongahela.

Representatives from 33 or 35 leagues will be present. At the afternoon meeting which will begin at 2:30 it is expected a crowd of 150 or 175 will be in attendance, while at the evening meeting it is anticipated there will be 400 or 500 present. The district includes leagues of churches in all towns along the Monongahela valley from McKeesport to Fredericktown. Officers of the organization are: President, F. B. Osborne, Monongahela; first vice president, Miss Mary Hedge of Bentleyville; second vice president, Miss Mary Hedge of Bentleyville; third vice president, M. Glacier; fourth vice president, Miss Laura Holmes, of Donora; fourth vice president, Raymond Small of Charleroi; secretary, Miss Helen Beaver of Monongahela; treasurer, Leonard Sands of Bentleyville; junior league superintendent, Miss Mildred Stott, Elrama.

Will Present Entertainment. "Aunt Jerusha's Quilting Party" will be presented tonight at Belle Vernon by the local cast, which in the last few weeks has produced it here and at Monongahela.

On the principle of the old fashioned pudding bag is an earthenware cooking utensils for the same purpose that has a projection into the center to distribute the heat.

## MUST KEEP OUR RECORDS CLEAN

Evangelist Minges Compares Religious Life With Business Life

## DIRECTOR ROCKWELL BUSY

Conducts Big Choir—Personal Workers Organize With T. J. Allen as Chairman of Committee—Shop Committee is Appointed.

If a man fails to keep his business records clean and his books balanced, he is just as likely as not to "go under" and the same applies to the Christian life, according to the telling argument delivered with characteristic force by Evangelist William J. Minges in his sermon at the tabernacle Wednesday night. For fully 15 minutes the evangelist spoke on the subject of "Balancing up the Books" and his large audience was appreciative. This preceded the appointment of the personal work committee for the campaign just beginning. All the sermons now being preached are but introductory to the giving of in-

## MINGESISMS.

\* Some of you fellows are just all right now but you will look like 13 cents in the judgement.  
\* Tomorrow's page is clear now—how will it be tomorrow night?  
\* Some of you fellows are just like a big log; when God jerks off the bark, you will be full of worm holes.  
\* You may be figuring on tomorrow but what about today.  
\* Paying your debts from now on—doesn't pay up your back debts. They are there just the same.  
\* What are you going to do about the past? The blood of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can cover the past.  
\* Some of you men claim to be Christians and then have to speak around every once in a while for an "eye opener."  
\* There are too many girls 15 or 16 years old who don't think of father. They think too much about getting a new party dress.  
\* You women could win any man on earth if you would go about it in the right way. We need more love; too often only the mean, cranky things are said.  
\* Are you ready to look your last year's record in the face?

and that will be started within the next few days.

Director G. P. Rockwell conducted an interesting song service during which the choir and audience sang several numbers. One interesting part of the devotional service was a song by a Slavok delegation headed by the Slavok Lutheran minister, Rev. E. N. Duty gave the scripture reading, and Rev. W. G. Carl offered prayer. Rev. Cox, of the California Christian church was present, and he took a part in the service.

Two committees were appointed, the shop committee, which consists of Harry Stech, W. H. Atkins and A. L. Bowers, and the personal workers committee. Organization of the personal workers committee was effected, with T. J. Allen as chairman.

The following prayer meetings have

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J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier



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## RAILROADS AND THE PUBLIC.

The eastern railroads are making such an earnest, wholehearted cam-  
paign for the repeal of the full crew  
law in this state that the public is  
bound to be impressed. For the first  
time in history, perhaps, the rail-  
roads are taking the public into their  
confidence, and are endeavoring  
through such means to obtain their  
heartfelt desires.

Railroads felt their toes pretty  
severely trampled on a year or more  
ago, and have been squealing ever  
since. First, the Interstate Com-  
merce Commission declined to rush  
into any declaration of advanced  
rates and secondly, the state of Penn-  
sylvania and other states passed full  
crew laws.

Subsequently, to delve into recent  
history, the Interstate Commerce  
Commission agreed upon a rate in-  
crease. This was to be followed by  
a brightening of the industrial skies  
and to a certain extent admittedly  
has been. The railroads have given  
evidence of the right spirit by helping  
along the wave of prosperity in their  
own affairs. But now they want the  
full crew law in this state repealed,  
alleging it is an economic waste, a  
hardship and an actual detriment.

Probably in the light of present  
day knowledge, a great many of us  
would agree offhand that the full  
crew law is working poorly. The  
railroads claim men not needed are  
compelled to be carried on many  
trains. This applies chiefly to long  
main line runs, where stops are in-  
frequent. This being true, it follows  
that the loss must be made up in some  
other way, and the railroad takes the  
convenient method of cutting down  
on its passenger trains; that is cut-  
ting off cars, and thereby reducing  
the size of the crews.

Experience has proven that the  
railroads are inclined these days to  
take pretty good care of their rolling  
stock and their men, realizing the  
value of good equipment and compe-  
tent crews. The safety first move-  
ment is being encouraged and fig-  
ures give indication that the full crew  
law has not answered the purpose of  
reducing fatalities, if our authority  
is good.

Perhaps the legislature might make  
over the law, if it doesn't like the  
idea of entire repeal, putting some  
real system into the thing, and mak-  
ing it fair alike to all parties. Since  
the railroad is taking the public in-  
to its confidence, it is only fair that  
it be taken into the public's confidence,  
as it is only fair that the railroad re-  
ceive fair and just treatment in the  
present instance.

## THE WEATHER.

Training camp news hasn't read  
and within the last several days, and  
it hasn't been very hard to dream  
longingly of mid-season games and  
out-of-door play for the balmy spring-  
like weather has offered plenty of  
arrangement for just this sort of  
thing. But just as like as not we  
will be stoking furnaces tomorrow  
with renewed vigor, and wondering  
whatever possessed us to think the  
groundhog was a prevaricator and  
spring was here.

During the several days of warmth  
and sunshine unseasonable buds be-  
gan to show and things of nature  
sprouted forth. Yet winter is still  
here, and likely to remain for quite  
a while. The groundhog theory may  
yet be found half way right.

We Recommend That You Use

**Rexall**  
"93" Hair Tonic  
Carroll's Drug Store.

Nature never permits liberties.  
Whatever has been done will be paid  
for. By all rights those buds should  
not have sprouted. The frost is too  
sure to come, and we suspect there  
will be considerable nipping going on  
several weeks from now. Then the  
creeps may be poor and all the satis-  
faction we can get is that of the  
memory of the pleasant February  
weather.

## Electric Sparks

No press notoriety is needed when  
some people make demonstrations.

### Unusual Happening.

Churchance has a popular under-  
taker.

The man who imitates one he dis-  
respects must be a whatisit too.

There are 67 bird reserves in the  
United States, not counting the can-  
ary bird stores.

The trouble with too many eggs is  
that they are in the senior class.

Some men never deliberate until  
they get on the jury, and not much  
then.

How do they expect us neutrals to  
tell the nationality of one of those  
mines after it blows up a ship.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

O Evans Mikesell, county sealer  
of weights and measures was in town  
Wednesday and gave to the Mail the  
following clipping from the Dillon,  
Montana, Standard for the "Picked  
Up in Passing" column:

A city man recently visited his  
country cousin. The man from the  
city, wishing to explain the joys of  
the metropolitan life, said: "We  
have certainly been having fun the  
last few days. Thursday we autoed  
to the Country Club and golfed un-  
til dark, then trolled back to town  
and danced until morning." The  
country cousin was not to be stumped  
in the least so began telling of some  
of the pleasures of the simple life.

"We have some pretty good times  
here, too. One day we bugged out  
to Uncle Ned's and went to the back  
lot, where he baseballed all that  
afternoon. In the evening we sneaked  
up into the attic and poked  
until morning."

A sturdy old farmer who was  
listening, not to be outdone, took up  
the conversation at this point and  
said: "I was having some fun about  
that time myself. I muled to the  
cornfield and gee-hawed until sun-  
down. Then I suppered until dark  
and piped until 9 o'clock, after which  
I bedstedded until the clock fiveed,  
after which I breakfasted until it  
was time to go muling again."

An old lady who had never patron-  
ized the movies before ventured in-  
side. One of the plays depicted Mary  
Pickford as a servant treated as a  
drudge by her employer.

Mary Pickford's acting appealed  
to her so much that as the manager  
passed by her seat, she accosted him.  
"I want the address of that poor  
thing," she said. "I'm going to write  
to her straight away and offer her a  
home where she will be properly  
treated. What salary do you think  
I'd better offer?"

When he acquainted her with the  
amount that Miss Pickford would  
probably expect, the old lady gasped  
for breath. Then the manager in-  
formed her that it was only a play.  
"I can't believe it," she remarked,  
"the child was too badly treated. It  
wories me to think of her."

## PERSONALS

Miss Bertha Sloan, of Marietta, O.,  
is the guest of Miss Helen Darby.

Miss Helen Darby has returned  
from the east where she has been  
purchasing millinery supplies for  
Russell's Millinery of Uniontown.  
Miss Darby has accepted a position  
with this firm and will take up her  
duties in the near future.

Guy Woodward was a caller in  
Pittsburg Thursday.

Christopher Brown, Jr., were in Pitts-  
burg Thursday.

Lawrence Frye is in Brownsville  
attending a convention of the tri-  
county funeral directors.

R. Green, a conductor in the inter-  
urban between Charleroi and Pitts-  
burg, is spending a few weeks at  
Mount Clemens for the baths, this be-  
ing his first visit to the Michigan  
resort. He expects to be absent about  
three weeks.

## Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Enquirer

Oh, Very Well!  
"That's all, you're a silly joke,"  
Remarked Old Mr. Shiner.  
"But if you want a stone to make  
Just tear away its piece!"

Paw Knows Everything.  
Willie-Paw is honest, the best pol-  
ter!

Pa-They say it is my soul, but a  
whole lot of people are from Missouri.

The Echo.  
To me, oh Echo, you're as sweet  
As any music I have heard.  
For you're the only thing can beat  
A woman out of the last word.

Giddap!  
"Is there any connecting link be-  
tween the animal and vegetable king-  
doms?" asked the old fogey.  
"Sure there is!" replied the grouch.  
"What's the matter with hash?"

My Word!  
A mortuary host in the Bronx  
Liked to meet nervous folks of their  
kind.  
He would work his big horn.  
From night until noon  
And scare you to death with his honk.

Weakness.  
"Young man," said the judge, "you  
admit stealing 1,200 pounds of lead  
pipe from Mr. Junk. What caused you  
to do this?"  
"Your honor," replied the prisoner.  
"I did it in a moment of weakness."  
"Weakness?" exclaimed Mr. Junk.  
"Well, I'm glad he wasn't feeling  
strong when he was in my store."

Correct.  
If epigrams all told the truth,  
No matter what your rank;  
I am afraid that we would find  
Most tombstones would be blank.

Was Mrs. Pearson a Corn Fed?  
Glancing up the stairs that descended  
from the upper regions, she gave a  
sigh of relief when Mrs. Pearson's  
skirts appeared, accompanied by a pair  
of masculine legs—American Cookery.

Names Is Names.  
C. A. Legg has offices at 5014 Fifth  
avenue, New York city.

Wise Old Matthew.  
Dear Luke-Matthew Prior was the  
Luke McLuke of his period. I cull the  
following from a book written by  
Matthew in 1690—"Rags."

When Luke thought fit from the world to  
retire  
As full of champagne as an egg's full of  
meat  
He woke in the boat and to Charon he  
said,  
He would be "owed back, for he was not  
yet dead  
"Trim the boat and sit quiet," stern  
Charon replied.  
"You may have forgot—you were drunk  
when you died."

Bill is Copping Out Luke's Stuff.  
The average society woman is a mere  
flip. If you kiss her you would die of  
painter's colic in twenty-four hours.  
Billy Sunday in a Philadelphia Ser-  
mon

Things to Worry About.  
The price of black opals is going up.

Yep. We Are Getting Scarce!  
The wise man is the one who knows  
how little he knows.—Cincinnati En-  
quirer. Only a few of us left.—New  
York Evening Telegram.

Our Daily Special.  
Publicity is the mother of success.

Luke McLuke Says:  
If we grew taller as we grow wiser  
the people who manufacture hair re-  
storer would start to die.

When mother gets sarcastic and tells  
father what a blame fool he was when  
he was courting her and how he used  
to sit and hold her hand for four hours  
at a time it tickles father so much that  
he goes down in the cellar and throws  
hunks of coal at the furnace.

They claim that booze will not "evap-  
orate in glass." But just open a quart  
of it and let it stand around the house  
for awhile, and watch how rapidly it  
will disappear.

If we had the power to see ourselves  
as others see us the lango wouldn't be  
as popular as it is.

When other people read matches you  
always seem to have them. But when  
you need a match other people are out  
of them too.

Government meat inspectors have to  
discriminate. But all corn feds look  
good to the meat inspectors who stand  
on the corners and make comparisons.  
Despite the statement to the contrary,  
the man who has a wife and a baby  
is considered to serve two masters.

The old fashioned woman who had  
so many children that she didn't know  
what to do now has a married daugh-  
ter who thinks that it is awful bad  
form to have babies yelling around the  
house.

The fellow with the fringe on the  
bottom of his pants can always tel-  
ler that success is merely a matter of  
luck.

Nearly every woman feels sorry for  
some other woman's husband.

A whole lot of men read the weather  
forecast every day solely because they  
hope to catch the forecaster in a lie.

If a woman gets hold of a clock for  
\$5 she bustles downtown at 8 o'clock  
in the morning to get it cashed before  
the bank runs out of money.

Many an old hen makes a goose of  
herself in public by trying to act like a  
chicken.

## SHADOW PICTURES.

The Silhouette as the Origin of All  
Pictorial Art.

In the year 1739, when Etienne de  
Silhouette was minister of finance un-  
der Louis XV., a man whose name has  
not been preserved started in Paris an  
establishment that he called Chinese  
shadows. This consisted in throwing  
upon a sheet the black outlines of men  
or objects and making these shadows  
take part in a play. It so happened  
that at this time Silhouette was unpop-  
ular. He had spent many years in  
England and had returned to his na-  
tive country greatly impressed with  
English methods of public economy.  
Undertaking to apply these principles  
to French finances, he met with decid-  
ed disapproval by the Parisians. But  
little thanks did he get except to have  
his efforts branded as parsimonious.

Some one recalled that M. de Si-  
houette had written a book, "A Gen-  
eral Idea for the Government of the  
Chinese," in which he expounded his  
economical theories. The popularity  
of the Chinese shadows was responsi-  
ble for the fibe that Silhouette had  
issued the book as an advance notice for  
the show; hence the shadows were  
called silhouettes, and the name was  
naturally extended to portraits that  
were then coming into vogue, in which  
were presented only the outlines of  
faces and figures filled in with black.

Though the fashion and the name of  
the silhouette are of comparatively re-  
cent origin, the art itself is ancient. It  
was used by Egyptian potters eight  
centuries before Christ, and a classic  
legend, which has been illustrated by  
Benjamin West in a famous picture  
called "The Origin of Painting," claim-  
ed that all pictorial art originated in  
an attempt to paint the fleeting shad-  
ows of men and women as they fell  
upon a wall or a blank space.—Detroit  
Free Press.

## DAY OF THE QUILL PEN.

When Writing Paper Was Poor and  
Envelopes Were Unknown.

The constant mending required by  
quill pens must have proved a severe  
trial in the days when no others were  
available, says the London Chronicle.  
Alexander I. of Russia thought it nec-  
essary to employ a man whose sole  
duty consisted in cutting pens. He  
was required to have a supply of not  
less than 100 quills always ready.

This number was by no means ex-  
cessive, for Alexander would never use  
the same pen twice. Even the writing  
of a signature spoiled a pen. In his  
opinion, for subsequent use. The quill  
cutter, who received a salary of \$300  
a year, accompanied the czar on all his  
journeys, including campaigns against  
Napoleon.

Writing implements changed consid-  
erably for the better during Sir Wal-  
ter Gibber's long spell of life. "Though  
quill pens are still in use," he remarks  
in his "Recollections of Seventy Years."  
"I remember the time when one sel-  
dom saw any other kind. Steel pens  
in their early days were expensive and  
ill made, and few people used them.  
The paper we had seventy years ago  
may have been partly to blame. It  
had neither the substance nor the sur-  
face we take as a matter of course  
nowadays."

"I remember when envelopes came  
into use, and what a boon they were  
considered after the old system of clos-  
ing letters with wafers or wax. Be-  
fore envelopes were invented letters  
were always written with an eye to  
the position of the wafer or seal, a  
blank space being left to correspond  
with the space where this would be  
put on the outside, lest the written  
portion should be torn in opening."—  
New York Sun.

### Pins.

It seemed as if it would take a whole  
paper of pins to mend the torn dress.  
The wearer appealed to her car neigh-  
bor.

"Have you any pins?" she asked.  
The woman had none, but passed the  
query on, and in a little while every  
passenger was feeling along concealed  
edges and turning back lapels. In all,  
sixteen pins were produced. Fourteen  
were contributed by men.

"We never need them as much as the  
women, but somehow we carry them  
and the women don't," said one of the  
male passengers.—New York Post.

### Curious Legend.

At Fainswick churchyard, a pretty  
spot between Stroud and Gloucester,  
England, there are ninety-nine yew  
trees. The hundredth always dies  
though it has been planted many times.  
A local story says that "when the  
hundredth lives after it has been  
planted the world will end."

### Sitting a Pen.

The center slit in a pen is cut by a  
machine which seems almost to think.  
It consists of two chisels which barely  
pass each other when the slit is made,  
and the exact way in which the pen is  
poised so as to place the chisels in the  
proper position for cutting is one of  
the marvels of pen-making.

### Shifting the Blame.

"Have you anything to say before I  
pass sentence?"

"Yes, your honor. I would call your  
attention to the fact that the man who  
defended me was assigned to the  
case by yourself."—Philadelphia  
Ledger.

### A Suggestion.

"He's his own worst enemy."  
"Then he ought to apologize to him-  
self and start all over again."—Detroit  
Free Press.

If thou art terrible to many, then be-  
ware of many.—Aesop.

# SUITS to Close Out

A big line of Ladies' and  
Misses' Suits, prices rang-  
ing from \$13, \$15, \$18 and  
\$20. Come and pick your  
choice now at \$9.98.

## EUGENE FAU

The Ladies' Store

514-516 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

### Notice.

Bids will be received for the erec-  
tion of 390 feet of board fence sur-  
rounding the Rodgers school and also  
for the furnishing of 52 locust posts  
up to and including Saturday, Feb. 27,  
by the Fallowfield School Board.  
Specifications may be seen at the  
Bank of Charleroi. The board re-  
serves the right to reject any or all  
bids.

Henry Rider, President.  
Wesley Young, Secretary.  
Feb. 16-19-22-25

## LOOK AT THIS

### LEE WAH

will wash your clothes clean, from  
them just right and charge you a  
reasonable price. His laundry is at  
609 McKean avenue.

### MISS BRADEN

PROFESSIONAL NURSE

101 Chest Ave., Charleroi, Pa.  
Charleroi phone 253C

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for  
Chichester's Diamond Brand  
Pills in Red and Gold wrapper.  
They are the only pills that  
take no other. Buy of your  
Druggist, or by mail from  
Chichester's Diamond Brand  
Pills, 22, South Street, Boston, Mass.  
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

# SPREAD OUT!



Keep your business on the move.  
Let us help you!  
Your stationery must be done in the  
best possible form.  
We will print it.  
We do Job Work of every description  
for the progressive merchant.

Cards, Letterheads, Billheads,  
Everything.

## Worry Kills More Men Than Fever

The workman who is  
continually worried over  
financial difficulties is carry-  
ing a double burden—he's  
worse than the man with  
walking typhoid fever.  
Horace Fletcher says "Worry is a sneak thief." It con-  
stantly steals the man's strength of mind and body.  
Eliminate the worry habit by starting a savings account  
with this bank, add a small percentage of your salary  
each pay day—it will care for those financial difficulties  
that come to the family from sickness and other misfortune.

BANK OF CHARLEROI, Charleroi, Pa.

Resources over \$1,700,000.00



Joseph Horne Co

A Court 3000

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The Eagle flies  
high, sure and strong.  
We use it as  
typical of the  
great, sure and dependable  
values in this  
Sale.



## Announcement

Of the Most Important Special Sale of Our Year

Starting Tuesday, March 2, and Continuing Through  
Saturday, March 13, We Will Hold Our

# 66th Anniversary Sale

Distance from Pittsburgh does not prevent thousands of you and your friends from attending this tremendous selling occasion. And you know from past Anniversary Sales that the Joseph Horne Co., of Pittsburgh, always sells the best kind of fine merchandise at astoundingly low prices.

Plan to be in Pittsburgh the first day of this sale—Tuesday, March 2. Look at the calendar. That's only a few days away. Wonderful values and enormous quantities of new things at the lowest of prices.

Joseph Horne Co. guarantee with everything you buy.

**JOSEPH HORNE COMPANY**  
PITTSBURGH

## NORTH CHARLEROI

Mrs. Charles Heith of Donora was a recent caller.

Miss Elsie Claybaugh of Fayette City spent Wednesday with her sister Mrs. Charles Booth.

Frank and Cleil Baldwin of Donora spent Sunday here.

Miss Nellie Sauerwein returned to South West after visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Fortney.

James Nichols of McKeesport visited Mrs. George Gillis.

Robert Whigham is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Whigham of California.

### Our Advice Is:

When you feel out of sorts from constipation, let us say that if

**Rexall Orderlies**

do not relieve you, see a physician, because no other home remedy will. Sold only by us, 10 cents.

Carroll's Drug Store.

Mrs. John Myers spent Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

Little Mary Louise Fortney is ill at her home.

Mrs. John Pinyard is visiting with friends in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whigham of California spent a day of this week with their sons Fred and William.

Mrs. George Gillis and daughter, Vera, spent Sunday with the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols of McKeesport.

Mrs. George Dennis visited relatives in Donora.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harris of Coraopolis were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Eli Crable.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bosworth of Pittsburgh spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bosworth.

Edward Newell called on friends Belle Vernon Sunday.

One of the newer railroad signaling devices, a Massachusetts man's invention, lights a series of torches along a track automatically if an engineer pass a danger signal.

### Mahieu's Specials.

Grape fruits, 9 for 25c.  
Choice apples, peck 25c.  
Black Walnuts, 6lbs for 25c.  
Fancy Creamery butter, per lb 38c.  
Pure cane sugar, per 25lb sack \$1.55  
25lb sack Golden Crescent flour 95c  
Lemons per dozen 15c.  
Fresh laid eggs dozen 32c.  
317 Fifth Street. 199-42

In the interest of cleanliness an Iowa inventor has patented a wire frame to hold a milk pail up from the ground.

A motorcycle for two persons who occupy chair seats, one behind the other, instead of saddles has been patented.

### People Say To Us

"I cannot eat this or that food, it does not agree with me." Our advice to all of them is to take a

**Rexall Dyspepsia Tablet**

before and after each meal. 25c a box. Carroll's Drug Store.

## CHARLEROI DEFEATED ON THE JEANNETTE FLOOR

Locals Go Down to 33-26 Defeat—

Brickley One of the Stars of the Contest, Having Caged Six Field Goals.

Charleroi's basketball team of the West Penn league was defeated by Jeannette at Jeannette Wednesday evening by the score of 33 to 23. Brickley was one of the big stars of the contest, caging six field goals.

Lineup:

Jeannette—33

Davis F

Kummer F

Cook C

Goode G

Carson G

Field goals—Kummer 2, Cook,

Goode 6, Carson 2, Brickley 6, Stark,

A. Brown, C. Brown 2. Foul goals—

Kummer 11 out of 14; Stark 6 out of 14. Referee—Weitzel.

## PICTURES OF BATTLES.

Warfare Has Always Been a Popular Subject For Artists.

From the earliest days of history war has given inspiration to the artist, and the work of his hands comes down to us on the walls of ancient Egypt, worn with the passing of thousands of years; from the ruined temples of antique Greece, built centuries before the Christian era. The picture writing of primitive and savage peoples describes exploits of war; many archaic war pictures, brought to view after ages of burial under desert sands, bear much similarity to Indian drawings of our own near time and land.

Once, years ago, away up on the Poplar river, in Montana, I thought—bartered for, I suppose I should say, as the purchase was made mainly by the medium of tea, tobacco and sugar—a "painted" robe right off the back of the war chief of a band of Yanktonais-Sioux our troops had "rounded up" and brought into the agency. The skin was a fine "black bull," tanned on the underside to the softness of the finest chamolli leather and decorated with naive pictorial representations of the deeds of war of old Kill-Them-In-A-Hole—as the soldiers translated the name given the chief from some episode in his murderous career—which in color, in grace and firmness of line were curiously like pictures from the pencil of some artist of the Egypt of old.

The glory of war is the theme; the exaltation of the sovereign, the conqueror, forms the chief motive of the war picture of antiquity. The monarch was the hero before whose terrible sword all foes gave way, to whom victory came through his personal might and prowess. The warriors of the Greeks are shown as models of virile strength and grace; their attitudes in the fury of combat lost nothing of artistic beauty in the realism of the rendering. The influence of the Greek masters of their art is evident in battle pictures of a time two score and more centuries later.—Rufus Fairchild Zogbaum in Scribner's.

## MEDIEVAL PUNISHMENTS.

Queer Old Laws of England That Have Never Been Revoked.

Although the stocks, like the pillory and the ducking stool, have been done away with, a lot of punishments survive in England which are every bit as medieval.

The most ludicrous of these exist in the two services—the army and navy—which were renowned in the past for the cruelties practiced in them in the name of justice. "Keelhauling" as carried out in the navy used, of course, to amount to execution by drowning, while in the army "running the gantlet" was a popular way of punishing troublesome soldiers.

Here is another queer punishment which never has been removed from the statute book. If you are motorizing or driving in England beware lest you run over anybody, for if you do so and cause his death your motorcar or carriage can be confiscated. Even a falling tree that caused the death of a human being can be taken from its owner.

The strangest punishment which still survives under modern law in England is that of "outlawry." Only a few years ago—in 1906 to be exact—a lawyer charged with forging a check was "outlawed" in the Glasgow high court. By this sentence the person of the accused is declared forfeit. He cannot bear testimony in a court nor sue nor defend an action. He cannot act on a jury nor vote at an election nor act as tutor or guardian to another person. If any one robs him he has no redress. If any one kills him it seems rather doubtful if that person can be hanged. —Pearson's Weekly.

## One of New York's Tiny Streets.

New York has some queer streets, and Edgar street is one of them. It has been built up solidly on both sides from end to end for generations, but it has no numbers, and no one lives on it, and no one does business there. The letter carrier never stops. It has only one door, and that is kept locked and never used. Fifteen long steps take one along the sidewalk from one end to the other. Queer little thoroughfare is Edgar street, lying between Broadway and the Hudson, below Rector street, in oldest old New York. —New York World.

## The Question Box.

What kind of glue should I use to make a yardstick?—A. B. C.

Please tell me how to tighten a bicycle nut.—F. M. F.

Why is it I cannot get any music from a handbox?—Mrs. J. G.

Can you tell me why it is that a fire breaks out at the start and goes out at the finish?—Helen M.

How can I sharpen a nutmeg grater?—Mrs. S.—Wisconsin State Journal.

## Terrorized.

Binks—Why, where's the breakfast? Mrs. Binks—Hush, dear! The cook ate it. Binks—What? Ate it all? Mrs. Binks—Yes, dear. We mustn't say anything. I think cook is just the sort of woman who would go round and say we starved our help.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## "Crabbed Age and Youth."

"Now, Thomas," said the teacher, can you explain the adage, "Old men for counsel and young men for war?" "It means," replied Thomas, "that the old men do the quarrelling and then let the young men do the fighting."—London Fun.

## A Pirate's Brutal Remark.

Captain Kidd buried his treasure. "If I were Mrs. Kidd I would hide it in the top bureau drawer," he asserted. —New York Sun.

# Is Your Pocketbook

## Sick?

Intrust it to our care and we will nurse it back to health and a good appetite.

## Try Advertising

Your purse will soon take on a prosperous appearance. An inch of space in this paper is worth a bushel of other remedies.

For Business Dullness Advertising Pays.

## You Need Us AND We Need You

Our interests are mutual. Neither can be successful without benefiting the other; neither can fail without harming the other. We will do all we can to aid you in building up the town and in thus increasing your business opportunities and your profits. Our advertising columns are at your service, and if you use them they will pay you. You thus help us help the town by helping yourself.

Don't forget that we do all sorts of JOB PRINTING at prices as low as good quality and first class workmanship will permit.

## SUCCESS and ADVERTISING

Go together. The most successful merchants in this town, in every town, are the most persistent and extensive advertisers.

## CAUSE and EFFECT

In these cases the advertising is the cause; the successful business is the effect. One follows the other as certainly as day follows night.

Our advertising columns are at your service.

## That Letter—

You never received a reply to it, and you wonder if it was delivered or if it was lost. If your name and address had been on the envelope it would have been returned to you if the addressee could not be found.

Let us show you how cheap we can print 500 or 1,000 envelopes. We will also print letterheads. The material, workmanship and price will be right.



# Values That Appeal

## TO BUYERS OF LADIES' SUITS AND COATS

Extra-ordinary price concessions on quality merchandise that will appeal to all thrifty women. In suits at \$5.00, \$9.50, \$12.50 and \$15.00 there's no need to be without a new suit. At \$5.00 and \$7.50 you get choice of some real live bargains.

**\$9.50** buys any of our extra quality suits worth \$12.50, \$15, \$18 & \$20

**\$2.00** will get you one of a lot of winter coats, for children 3 to 14 yrs.

**\$12.50** buys any one of our splendid popular priced models that sold for \$25 and \$27.50

**\$5.00** allows pick of a lot of splendid values in coats worth double and more.

**\$15.00** gives you choice of our best suits that sold for \$30 & \$35

**\$7.50** At this price we are showing an immense line of handsome coats worth up to \$25.00

ALL OTHER COATS GO AT ONE-THIRD OFF

**\$5.00 SUIT SALE** For \$5.00 you can get choice of a lot of all wool suits carried over from last season, most of them valued at 20.00, 25.00, 27.50 and 30.00. 'Tis your great chance. Buy now.

# BERRYMAN'S

## IMPROVEMENTS BEFORE WASTE

Hurtful Law Works Against Progressive Development Everywhere.

Osceola, Pa., Feb. 25.  
The published announcement by twenty-one railroads of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, that the repeal of the Full Crew Laws now operative in those states would release for improvements and increased facilities approximately \$2,000,000, which now is being paid yearly to trainmen whose services are unnecessary, and consequently a drain on the companies' resources, has won many converts to the railroads' cause in this town.  
It is estimated that this money would build two hundred new stations at an average cost of \$10,000 each. One is badly needed here. It is understood that the Pennsylvania Railroad management has under consideration the proposition of a new station at Osceola as one of the system improvements to be made just as soon as the directors feel that the expenditure can properly be made.  
Other cities and towns where new stations and additional freight terminal facilities would be justified, citizens here who have fully considered the effects of the Full Crew Laws point out, should join in immediately urging their elected representatives at Harrisburg and Trenton to repeal these wasteful laws as one way to enable the railroads to provide better facilities.  
The continuation of these laws on the statute books, it is declared, representing an annual loss of \$2,000,000 to the railroads, while primarily borne by the companies, ultimately falls largely upon the people. Public-spirited citizens of this town are, therefore, leaving no stone unturned to bring about repeal of the laws.

**Mahieu's Specials.**  
Grape fruits, 9 for 25c.  
Choice apples, peck 25c.  
Black Walnuts, 6 lbs for 25c.  
Fancy Creamery Butter, per lb 38c.  
Pure cane sugar, per 25lb sack \$1.55  
25lb sack Golden Crescent flour 95c.  
Lemons per dozen 15c.  
Fresh laid eggs, dozen 23c.  
317 Fifth Street. 199-12

See Hiney the Barber, 315 Fifth street. 199-13p

**Growing Children**  
frequently need a food tonic and tissue builder for their good health.  
**Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion**  
containing Hypophosphites  
is the prescription for this.  
Carroll's Drug Store.

## CLASSIFIED!

FOR SALE—Two flat top writing desks. Inquire of Frank Riva. 198-1f

FOR SALE—New house of six rooms, bath, furnace, all conveniences. \$3200 or \$100 less if \$1800 is paid in cash. R. L. Peterman, Fifth and Center, North Charleroi, Pa. 197-15p

FOR SALE—Five room house located on McKean avenue. Part cash balance mortgage. Inquire of E. J. Charles, Savings & Trust Realty Co. 197-13

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be good girl. No other need apply. Call at 218 Washington avenue. 198-1f

FOR RENT—Three rooms, bath and laundry, 619 Fallowfield avenue. 198-1f

FOR RENT—Office rooms in the Fau building, one room or in suite of 2 or 3 rooms, ready April 1, 1915. People's Realty Company, Charleroi, Pa. 187M-T

FOR RENT—Five roomed house. Inquire at 507 Crest avenue. 199-13p

## MUST KEEP UP

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been arranged for Friday morning: At the home of Mrs. H. M. Furnier, 215 McKean avenue; at the home of Mrs. John Snyder, 318 Shady avenue; Mrs. D. N. Hall, 103 Prospect avenue; at the home of Mrs. Otto Dorbritz, 614 Washington avenue; at the home of Mrs. George Kenyon, Fourth street, North Charleroi.

Following is the synopsis of the sermon of Wednesday evening delivered by Evangelist Minges:

**Balancing Up the Books.**

What are you doing with yesterday? Some of you fellows may look all right now, but you will look like 13 cents in the judgment. Once I saw a large tree which I greatly admired. A man came along with a hook and jerked the bark off, and found it was full of worm holes. That's the way with some of you fellows. When God jerks the bark off you will be full of worm holes. What is the record of yesterday's page? Tomorrow's page is clear now. What will tomorrow night show for you? If you yield today, it will be harder to live tomorrow.

Some of you fellows are figuring on tomorrow, but what about today? If you say from today on I'm going to pay all my debts that doesn't settle your back debts. What are you

going to do about the past? There is nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ that can cover the past. If you do right you make it easier for another to do right and harder to do wrong. The trouble is we Christians go so far with the worldly man it makes it easy for him to do the wrong.

The devil doesn't say there is no God, nor that there is no Bible, but he says there is a God and there is a Bible which is true, but yet there is time.

**Arms and the Woman.**

"Did anybody ever see a one armed woman?" asked a gray headed man as he surveyed the afternoon parade. "I never did. Almost every day I meet one armed men, but I have yet to encounter a woman with that pitifully empty sleeve. Are there no women who have suffered that mutilation? If not, why not? And, if so, where are they? Yesterday I heard it argued that there was no cause for a woman to lose an arm; that women do not go to the wars and are not engaged in occupations that are likely to carry away a part of their body. But that reasoning is not sound. Many women work in mills and factories, and they are as liable to accidents in the streets and public conveniences as men. Frequently they figure in these accidents; but, although men in the same situation would lose an arm, women never do. What is the cause of their immunity?"—New York Globe.

Byron at Ostend.  
At one time Ostend was a great fortress looking out over the North sea through her menacing loophole upon the sails of Vikings. A century ago Byron made his memorable fight, not from, but to Ostend, in terror of the British who were laying siege to his mansion in Piccadilly. The poet made the journey to Dover in his magnificent £500 coach, but had to wait until a storm abated before the mail packet felt it safe to set sail. That Byron was far from seasickness in his crossing "Child Harold's Pilgrimage" testifies.—London Standard.

**The Pessimist Says:**  
If Opportunity had enjoyed the advantage of a modern course in business efficiency it wouldn't leave a man's door after knocking a single time. It would leave one of these intermittent alarm clocks.—Richmond Times-Dispatch

**Quite Safe.**  
"What did that man want with you, Henry?"  
"He was after my scrip."  
"Goodness gracious!"  
"Don't be the least bit frightened. He's only a hair specialist."—Baltimore American

**Retribution.**  
Today the boy who is sassing mother will grow up and marry a woman who will not stand for any pert talk.—New Orleans State

**Opportune.**  
"Opportune" once signified nothing more than "in the harbor." An opportune ship was a ship which had come to port.

## Volcanoes in New Zealand.

New Zealand's volcanic phenomena are accounted for in the Maori legends in the following manner: One of the first chiefs to reach New Zealand from the ancient home in Hawaiki brought with him a trusted follower, Ngauruhoe, with whom he set out to examine the country. When they reached the highest peak they suffered much from cold, and the chief shouted to his sisters on a far distant island to send some of the fire which had been brought in canoes from Hawaiki. This fire immediately came in a southwest-erly line, subterraneously bursting forth on the summit where the chief and his follower sat freezing. It arrived in time to save the life of the former, but not that of Ngauruhoe, whose name is commemorated in the highest peak of the Tongariro mountains. Geyers, hot springs and fumaroles mark the course of the subterranean passage. Mount Egmont stands in solitary grandeur because he, as one of the three giants, quarreled with the other two, Tongariro and Ruapehu, and had to fly to the coast to escape their wrath.

## America Not So Big.

On the steamer off the west coast of Africa I picked up an acquaintance with an Englishman who had come aboard somewhere along the Gold Coast. After the usual commonplace he drew, "You are an American?" I admitted the soft impeachment. "Did you ever meet an Englishman over there named Jessup?" was his next query. I always take Englishmen seriously, so instead of rolling my eyes and explaining what a large country America is, I told him the truth about all the Jessups I happened to know. There were only two—one was a steel agent in New York city and the other was a Y. M. C. A. secretary in Summit, N. J. "That's the chap," said the Briton, unexpectedly. "He used to live next door to me in Birmingham." And he did, you know. And I couldn't keep up my pretense that America was a big country after that.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Eugene Field and Children.

"It was children whom Field loved best," says Miss Hildegard Hawthorne in St. Nicholas, "and he would take all sorts of trouble to make a child happy. His room was crowded with toys, queer dolls, funny little mechanical toys that ran about or bowed or nodded strange heads or performed tricks. His study door was never shut to a child, and he had many child friends. His family knew nothing of his brother tells how a few hours after his death a little crippled boy came to the door and asked if he might go up and see Mr. Field. He was taken into the room where the gentle, much loved figure lay and left there. In a little while he came limping downstairs, his tears streaming down his cheeks, and went silently away, known to nobody there."

## No Explanations Needed.

The lady jury was out longer than the importance of the case would warrant.

The judge grew impatient. "What's the trouble in there?" he said to the bailiff. "I'll see," replied the bailiff. "Hold on," cried the judge. "Tell me if there's any knotty points about the case that bother them they should appeal to me."

"Yes, your honor." The bailiff goes to the door of the jury room and returns. "Well?" "They ain't got to the case yet, your honor. They're still discussin' the plaintiff's clothes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## The High Seas.

The "high seas" is a term signifying the entire marine expanse, so far as it is not the exclusive property of any particular country. The rule of international law is that every country bordering on the sea has the exclusive sovereignty over such sea to the extent of three miles from its shore, but all beyond and which is not within three miles of some other country is open or common to all countries.

## His First Case.

The young attorney had hung out his shingle but a week before and when a friend met him in the corridor of the courthouse the friend exclaimed: "Ah, ha! Have you landed a client already?" "Yes," replied the young attorney. "My tailor is suing me."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Sharpening a Worn File.

"When a file gets dull," said the master mechanic, "you can restore its effectiveness by pouring a little kerosene over it. This roughens the raised parts and deepens the sunk parts so that it will again file your nails or cut a bar of iron."

## Paradoxical Energy.

"People who speak English do funny things, don't they?"

"How so?"  
"Why, they put stops on organs to make them go."—Baltimore American.

**Before and After.**  
"A woman is as old as she looks," quoted the wise guy.  
"Before or after she is dressed to go out?" queried the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

## Long Felt Want.

Woman—Have you no relatives? Tramp—Plenty! What I lack is "yes" relatives when I need a loan.—New York Globe.

Know this—that every country can produce good men.—Lessing.

## A Pretty Compliment.

The "three beautiful Miss Guinnings" were in their day—which was after the middle of the eighteenth century—such famous beauties that the London crowd often followed their carriages on the street and fairly mobbed any shop they were known to have entered in the effort to get a sight of them. The handsomest of the trio, worn out by the activities of the London season, stayed for a time in the country near a market town. It was known in the neighborhood that she wished to pass unnoticed and was not well, and her wish was respected. But on the day of her departure from the town there was an unusual number of people at hand to see the coach start. As the lovely lady stepped from the inn door to the step of the coach the branch of a climbing rose caught for a moment in her hair. Instantly a voice called from the crowd:

"No names, my lady, and no staring, but three cheers for the queen of beauty that the roses crown of themselves!"

They were given with a will and won the response of a radiant face at the coach window and a gracious hand waving farewell.

## Eggs Hatched in Rice.

John Chinaman had a method of hatching eggs artificially many generations before there were any white men in America to begin to think about providing a mechanical substitute for the mother hen. And John Chinaman is still using his ancient method and refuses to purchase the newfangled incubator. The Chinese poultryman takes a quantity of unhatched rice which he has roasted. This is heated until it is lukewarm. A three inch layer of warm rice is spread into a tub, and a layer of eggs is placed thereon. Another layer of rice is added and another layer of eggs and finally a last layer of rice over the fifth layer of eggs. About 500 eggs are placed in a tub. Once each day the eggs are removed, the rice heated and the whole repacked. The tub is kept well covered to keep in the heat. In the course of three or four weeks the chicks put in their appearance.—American Boy.

## How Napoleon Dressed.

Napoleon was always simple in his dress and generally wore the uniform of his own guard. He was clearly rather from habit than from liking for cleanliness. He bathed often—sometimes in the middle of the night—because he thought the practice good for his health. But, apart from this, the precipitation with which he did everything did not admit of his clothes being put on carefully, and on gala days and full dress occasions his servants were obliged to consult together as to when they might snatch a moment to dress him.

He could not endure the wearing of ornaments. The slightest constraint was insupportable to him. He would tear off or break anything that gave him the least annoyance.—Memoirs of Mme. de Remusat.

## Pepys and the Otacousticon.

As far back as 1668 experiments were being made with what savants called an "otacousticon," which brought distant sounds to the ear and was a faroff promise of the "long distance" and "wireless" messages of today. Samuel Pepys was abroad in those days, and, of course, he saw the new toy, tried it and mentions it in his diary. He went with Lord Brouncker to "the Royal society," and "here, to my great content, I did try the use of the otacousticon, which was only a great glass bottle broke at the bottom, putting the neck to my ear, and there I did plainly hear the dancing of the oars of the boats in the Thames to Arndel gallery window, which with-out it I could not in the least do."

## Court Room Retort.

Two young attorneys were wrangling for a long time before Judge Knox of Virginia over a point of law. His honor rendered his decision, and the sprig who had lost impudently remarked, "Your honor, there is a growing opinion that all the fools are not dead yet." "Certainly," answered the court, with untroubled good humor, "I quite agree with you, Mr. B., and congratulate you, upon your healthy appearance."

## Badly Matched.

Mrs. Yeast—This paper says the matching of colors has been brought down to an exact science by the invention of a machine for the purpose.

Mr. Yeast—You ought to get the people who run the store where you buy your hair to get one of those machines, dear.—Youkers Statesman.

## Very Trying.

"Dear sir," wrote the anxious mother, "I am afraid Johnny is not trying enough."

"Dear madam," replied the harassed teacher, "I assure you that Johnny is quite trying enough. He is the most trying boy in the class."

## Power of Beauty.

Beauty gets the best of it. Poets, humane organizations, sentimentalists, make a great to-do about the bird that dies to adorn a woman's hat. But who has any sympathy for the hen whose neck is wrung to make a potpie?—Don Marquis.

## A Philippines Custom.

When a young woman of the Philippines marries her husband's name is added to her maiden name. If she becomes a widow the husband's name is discarded.

The man who was born with a talent which he is meant to use finds his greatest happiness in using it.—Goethe.

## The Time to Break It.

There is an anecdote in some volume of French theatrical memoirs narrating an experience of Mlle. Clairon, the great tragic actress, with a pupil of hers, a girl of strong natural gifts for the histrionic art, but far too frequent and too exuberant in her gesticulation. So when the pupil was once to appear before the public in a recitation Mlle. Clairon bound the girl's arms to her side by a stiff thread and sent her thus upon the stage.

With the first strong feeling she had to express the pupil tried to raise her arms only to be restrained by the thread. A dozen times in the course of her recitation she was prevented from making the gestures she desired until at the very end she could stand it no longer, and in the climax of her emotion she broke her bonds and swung her hands to her head.

When she came off the stage she went tamely to where Mlle. Clairon was standing in the wings and apologized for having snapped the thread.

"But you did quite right," said the teacher. "That was the time to make the gesture, not before."

## When Earthquakes Come.

That animals are sensitive to the approach of earthquakes is a fact frequently observed, and the more recent seismic troubles in various countries give numerous examples of this singular faculty which many animals possess. For instance, in Japan horses set up an unusual agitation whenever a seismic shock is near at hand. In Central America dogs and cats flee from houses, and the inhabitants have become so accustomed to this that they follow the example of the animals and leave their dwellings so as to escape danger.

In Italy it has been observed that birds left their nests and flew up to a great height in the air, but this without noise before the earthquake took place. However, at the time when the earthquake shocks were produced the birds uttered cries which lasted for all the duration of the earthquake. It is asserted that in Sicily cocks crow and dogs howl just before an earthquake.—Chicago News.

## Power of the Supreme Court.

"The supreme court of the United States," writes Christian Bonner in Case and Comment, "exercises a power which we think is unique in the world, to pass upon the constitutionality of the statutes enacted by congress. It may thus suspend the execution of the resolutions lawfully adopted by both houses."

"The French courts have the right to interpret the law. They cannot refuse to do so under pretext that the law is not clear or that it is silent or insufficient. By so doing, the judge becomes guilty of a misdemeanor called 'denial of justice,' and he is punished by a fine and deprived of all civil rights for a period varying from five to twenty years. But no court in France, not even the court of cassation, has the power to decide whether a law passed by congress is unconstitutional or not."

## Two Kettles of Water.

Sir Robert Hart, speaking of marriage and death customs in the far east, told a story of a great Chinese scholar and high official who said that the foreign way of letting the young people fall in love and choose and the Chinese way of first marrying and then making acquaintance reminded him of two kettles of water. The first—the foreign—was taken at the boiling point from the fire by marriage and then grew cooler and cooler, whereas the second—the Chinese—was a kettle of cold water put on the fire by wedlock and ever afterward growing warmer and warmer, "so that," said his friend, "after fifty or sixty years we are madly in love with each other!"—Exchange.

## Why He Was Careful.

A man who belated in pedestrianism coaxed a friend to accompany him on a little jaunt. Every time they crossed the road his friend looked first one way and then the other and refused to budge if there chanced to be a motorcar in sight.

"It's all well enough to be careful," said the pedestrian, "but you seem to have let automobiles get on your nerves."

"I've good reason to be careful," answered his friend. "The insurance policy I carry is void if I get run over by one."—Jodge.

## The River Indus.

The River Indus is wide during the year may vary by miles. Traffic for long distances cannot be guaranteed because the ever shifting channel throws up mud flats and sand banks here and overburdened good land there in a manner which defies the wisdom of the ancient boatmen.

## Gastronomic Health.

"Pa, what is envy?"  
"Envy, my boy, is what your millionaire uncle feels every time he hears you begging your mother for a second piece of pie."—Detroit Free Press.

## The Object.

"Why do you write articles on how cheaply people can live if they try?"

"In the hope of getting enough money to avoid having to live that way."—Washington Star.

## Romans and Beards.

The ancient Romans considered it effeminate to wear beards. All their busts, representing the famous men of olden times, are without beards.

No weather is ill if the wind be still.—Spanish Proverb.